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to reveal that you've had the test and not having to reveal what the results of that test were, then you might...you might be able to buy life insurance having information that the insurer did not have. And it's just very much more problematic...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...how you deal with that, the protection of that information, in a life insurance situation versus a health insurance situation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you very much. I'll return the rest of my time to the President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We're open for discussion on advancement of LB 432. Seeing no lights on, Senator Brown, did you wish to close?

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. I did want to distinguish a little bit the difference between the issue that was presented in the Burlington Northern information that was passed out and this bill. And it's actually a distinction that I think is more important in some ways, and that is that this bill deals with people who are presymptomatic, who have no symptoms. We are talking about predictive genetic testing, and protecting the individual, both in their knowing fully what it means when they take a test, knowing fully that these tests are not...are in some case, some cases, not absolute. I found one of the things about the testing that was mentioned in this case, the Burlington case, which is being dealt with under the Americans with Disabilities Act because the Americans with Disabilities Act deals with people who have symptoms, and so that's how...why they are dealing with it under this. In my bill, we're talking about people who do not have symptoms, who do...so it's a predictive kind of thing. But they... I was totally unaware, as were several of the physicians that I talked to, that there was a test for carpal tunnel because carpal tunnel is a very complex situation and no one that I talked to was even aware that this test existed. And that's one of the things I think that we have to be a little bit careful about. We can test for something but until...but for those conditions